

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) ~~Longwall~~A longwall support control for controlling the movements of the longwall support units and the advance heading in the longwall of a mine, comprising:  
~~with a~~ central control system, and

~~with a~~ plurality of control units, of which a separate ~~control unit~~ (mining shield control device) is locally and operationally associated to each longwall support unit, ~~with~~ the mining shield control devices ~~connecting by means of being~~ connected via radio to a decentralized operating device ~~(37)~~ for inputting control commands and for feeding back inspection data,

~~characterized in that~~

wherein each mining shield control device comprises a ~~multichannel~~multi-channel radio transceiver, ~~via which one~~ ~~of such that~~ the mining shield control ~~devices~~device is in a simultaneous transmit and receive mode with the decentralized, ~~portable~~ operating device for receiving control signals and for transmitting inspection data ~~of measurements~~, and ~~state~~, ~~with~~wherein the mining shield control device ~~being is~~ programmed in such a manner that control signals that ~~come in~~ ~~by means of~~ are received via radio, can be converted into functions of the longwall support unit ~~only~~ when the control signal stores a code word that is associated ~~to~~with the called up mining shield control device.

2. (currently amended) ~~Longwall~~The longwall support control of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the mining shield control devices are interconnected and ~~preferably also~~ connected to a central control system ~~by means of~~ via at least one bus line ~~(58)~~ for transferring input data to all mining shield control devices.

3. (currently amended) ~~Longwall~~The longwall support control of claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the mining shield control devices are interconnected and ~~preferably also~~ connected to the central control system by ~~an identical~~ second a parallel bus line ~~-(parallel bus (59)-)~~.

4. (canceled)

5. (new) The longwall support control of claim 1, wherein each mining shield control device comprises an amplifier for the signals that are received via at least one of the bus lines, and which are not associated to the mining shield control device by their code word.